

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for entering the preliminary amendment filed June 17, 2009.

I. Election of Species

The Examiner asserts the application contains claims directed to three distinct species:

Species I, embodiment 1, specification page 5;

Species II, embodiment 2, specification page 10; and

Species III, embodiment 3, specification page 19.

The Examiner requires election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects Species II without traverse.

Accordingly, claims 142-154 are withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected group of claims. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a divisional or other application claiming priority to this application.

CONCLUSION

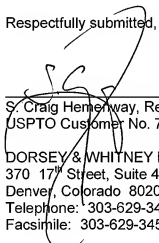
After entry of the above listing of claims and remarks, claims 73-141 remain in the application. In accordance with the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the Assignee respectfully submits the application and all claims are in a condition for allowance, and requests such prompt allowance.

This Amendment and Response is filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and a request to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 for the extension of time fee in the amount of \$130.00. The Assignee believes no further fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this as authorization therefor and please charge such fees to Deposit Account number 04-1415.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2009.

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